

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1211

By Mr. Hall of Westford, petition of Geoffrey D. Hall and Steven C. Panagiotakos relative to reimbursement by the Department of Education to school districts for costs incurred relating to the MCAS exam and certain professional development programs. Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHANGES TO THE MASSACHUSETTS COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM EXAM.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Offi-  
2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 1I  
3 thereof the following new section:—

4 Section 1I½. Notwithstanding any general or special law or any  
5 rule or regulation to the contrary, the department shall reimburse  
6 each public school district in a city and town for any and all costs  
7 incurred by said district to purchase new textbooks and instruc-  
8 tional support materials, for the development of new curriculum  
9 and programs of studies and for conducting professional training  
10 of teachers and administrators and other support personnel as a  
11 result of any change made by the board or the department in the  
12 curriculum frameworks or the content area of the MCAS exam, or  
13 any other statewide examination, mandated by said board or  
14 department.

15 The department and board must give advance written notifica-  
16 tion to the superintendent of each school district in each city and  
17 town, at least three years prior to, of their intention to change any  
18 curriculum frameworks or the change in the content area of the  
19 MCAS exam, or any other statewide examination, mandated by  
20 said board or department before any such change may become  
21 effective.

22 Any change in the curriculum frameworks or the change in the  
23 content area of the MCAS exam, or any other statewide examina-  
24 tion, mandated by said board or department shall be subject to the  
25 provisions of section 6B of chapter 11 and section 27C of  
26 chapter 29 of the General Laws to determine if the implementa-  
27 tion of any such change shall have a “significant financial  
28 impact”, as defined in said section 6B, on any city or town prior to  
29 any such change going into effect.